



TOWN OF BRIGHTON NEWS FEBRUARY 2023



Spruces Campground Pavilion – February 2023

“Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together”

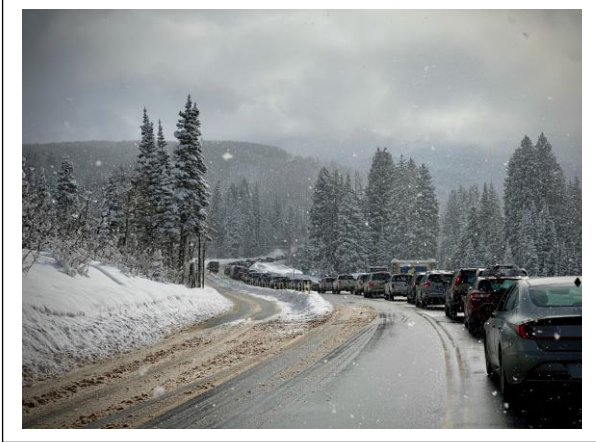
~ Vesta M. Kelly

FEBRUARY IS MOOSE MONTH

There have been many wildlife sightings this winter, including a Momma moose with two calves in the Cardiff area. Although we have appreciated the bountiful snowfall this winter, it has been hard on wildlife. Remember to “Give Moose a Brake” and be respectful of any other wildlife you are fortunate enough to encounter by giving them a wide berth.



~ Photo courtesy of Dena Hull



TRANSPORTATION SURVEY DUE FEBRUARY 10, 2023

The Big Cottonwood Canyon Mobility Action Plan (BCC MAP) will build on previous studies and public input to find solutions that will improve mobility in Big Cottonwood Canyon throughout the year. As part of the public engagement facet of the BCC MAP, the Central Wasatch Commission is seeking public feedback on a transportation and transit survey.

You can access the survey [at this link](#).



SUSTAINING DIVERSE RECREATION IN A HEALTHY WATERSHED

Salt Lake County and the Forest Service are partnering to identify opportunities to protect watershed and ecosystem health while providing diverse recreation opportunities in Big Cottonwood, Little Cottonwood and Mill Creek Canyons. There is one last public comment meeting, and you are invited!

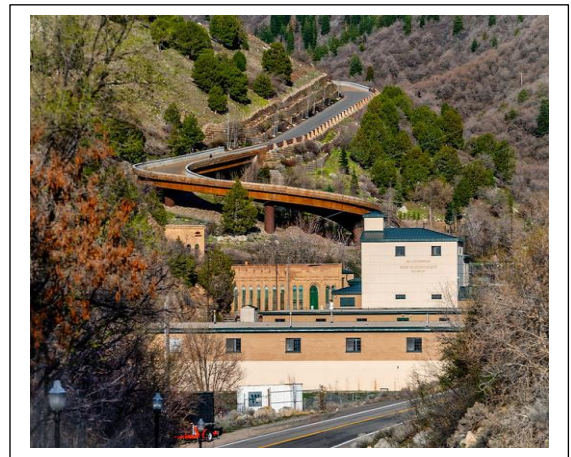
FEBRUARY 6 | 6 PM | Millcreek Library | 2266 E. Evergreen Ave V Millcreek UT 84109

Or you can go online to participate in the survey at tricanyontrails.org

WATER TREATMENT PLANT REBUILD

The Big Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant (BCWTP), located in Big Cottonwood Canyon, is owned and operated by Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities (SLCDPU) as a critical component of SLCDPU's drinking water system. The plant currently supplies 40% of the drinking water in the department's regional service area!

BCWTP needs to be rebuilt (within its existing fence line) to improve plant safety and continue to protect public health by providing clean, delicious drinking water to the surrounding communities.



The BCWTP project team is currently in the design phase of BCWTP Rebuild Project with construction slated to begin in late 2026. For any questions, please feel free to connect with the project team:

Call or Text: 801-616-3336

Email: info@keepitpurebigcottonwood.com Visit: www.KeepitPureBigCottonwood.com



Photo courtesy of Trent Nelson - Salt Lake Tribune

COTTONWOOD CONNECT SHUTTLES

In an effort to help the Cottonwoods with the influx of winter traffic, the Salt Lake County Council approved \$240,000 dollars to provide shuttles for the ski season. Additional funding comes from Visit Salt Lake (\$50,000), UTA (\$75,000) and the ski resorts (\$50,000). Snow Country Limousine will provide vans and mini-coaches Thursdays through Sundays until April 16.

Riders will need to reserve a space at the *Visit Salt Lake* website and pay a \$10 round-trip fee. The routes will serve Sandy, Midvale and Cottonwood Heights, with stops at various hotels and public Park & Ride lots. To sign up visit: [Cottonwood Connect](#)

NEW INTERACTIVE PARKING MAP FOR BRIGHTON

The MSD has created an interactive Parking Map that shows where parking is available in Brighton. People can use it to determine where they can park legally to avoid those \$150 parking tickets. It shows the user's GPS location in relation to the No Parking signs. This map is for general guidance purposes only. Accuracy is scale-dependent, and cellphone GPS is notoriously inaccurate at the scale at which parking occurs. Please verify parking availability using surroundings, signage, etc. Check it out, it's on the Town website: [NO PARKING Interactive Map | Brighton Utah](#)



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The Cottonwoods have had a higher-than-usual snowfall in the past couple of months, so avalanche danger has regularly been high in many places of Utah's snowy areas. Please **Know Before You Go** by checking out the Utah Avalanche Center's daily avalanche risk updates. [Find out more and sign up for updates](#)





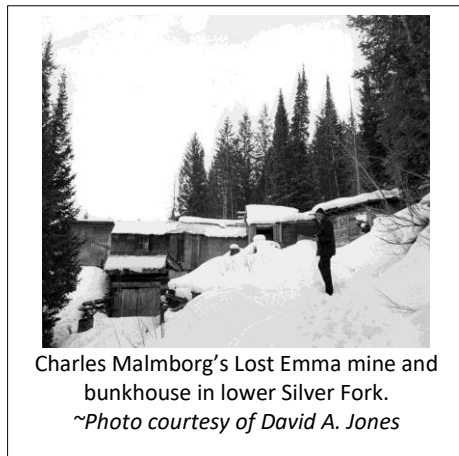
Julius Kuch's cabin near the Silver Fork Saw Mill. He was known as the Hermit of the Wasatch, famous for crafting furniture from aspen wood.
~ Photo courtesy of Utah Historical Society

THE SILVER FORK BACK STORY

Presented by the Big Cottonwood Historical Society

Big Cottonwood Lumber Company, organized in 1854 by Brigham Young and Daniel H. Wells, erected two water-powered sawmills and a small shingle mill at the mouth of Silver Fork Canyon. Pioneers in Salt Lake City desperately needed lumber to build their great City. Log homes, stores, a church, and even a Post Office were built to accommodate the families that moved into the mountains. It was a bustling year-round community. However, over the years all the trees were gone, so the sawmills had to be relocated and the lumber town was partially abandoned.

But the little town sprang back to life in the 1870s when silver mines were discovered and claimed in Silver Fork and Honeycomb Canyons. Among the productive mines were The Prince of Wales Mine, the Highland Chief, the Warrior, the Lucky Dutchman, Little Dollie and the Antelope Group Mines developed by the Walker Brothers. A small smelter was built in 1871 by Wightman & Co. The mining boom ended in the mid 1880's and the little town was abandoned again. Then, in 1893, the area was homesteaded by Joy Dunyon who ran sheep in Silver Fork Canyon for many years. Around 1925, the Dunyon family subdivided the land, and the present community of Silver Fork with its many summer homes and mountain cabins came to be.



Charles Malmborg's Lost Emma mine and bunkhouse in lower Silver Fork.
~Photo courtesy of David A. Jones

Currently there are about 197 homes with 125 summer homes (63%), and 72 full-time homes (37%). The average home was built in 1968. The Neilson and Hulse families put in the first water system back in the 1940's. It has been regularly updated and delivers sparkling Best-In-State award-winning water to the community.

~ With thanks to Jacob Barlow [Silver Fork](http://SilverFork.com) | JacobBarlow.com



BRIGHTON INSTITUTE EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2 | Climate Change ▪ Brighton Fire Station or online via Zoom ▪ 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm ▪ Free (but you must [register to attend via Zoom](#))

Join the Brighton Institute in welcoming Bill Barron of Salt Lake City. Learn how this former Alta Ski Patroller and carpenter was recast through his advocacy with the Citizens' Climate Lobby leading to the most important work in his life; normalizing the conversation around our changing climate and speaking for bipartisan climate solutions.

Bill's 13 years of advocacy has included 4 bike tours across Utah covering 3250 miles, 3 times as a single-issue climate candidate and most recently on a listening tour of the state. We will learn more about Bill's transformative experience, talk about how we are being impacted locally, and ways you can engage on this issue.

FEBRUARY 21 | Open Mic Night ▪ Thirsty Squirrel at Solitude Mountain Resort ▪ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm ▪ Sign-Up 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm

MARCH 21 | Open Mic Night ▪ Thirsty Squirrel at Solitude Mountain Resort ▪ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm ▪ Sign-Up 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm

APRIL | Moose Update for Big Cottonwood Canyon ▪ Details coming soon!

May 11 | Self Defense Class ▪ Details coming soon!

MEETINGS AROUND TOWN

Brighton Town Council

2nd Tuesday of the Month – 6:30 pm [Meetings | Brighton Utah](#)

OR www.utah.gov/pmn (You can subscribe to this website to receive automatic notifications.)

Brighton Institute Meeting

2nd Monday of the Month – 6 pm. Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065>

Meeting ID: 865 0803 4065 Phone Connection: +1-253-215-8782

BCCA Community Council

2nd Monday of the Month – 7 pm. Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065>

Meeting ID: 865 0803 4065 Phone Connection: +1-253-215-8782

Brighton Planning Commission Meeting

3rd Wednesday of the Month – 6:00 pm – Fire Station #108 or virtually at

<https://slco.webex.com/meet/wgurr> [Meetings | Brighton Utah](#)

RESOURCES

Environmental Dashboard

The Central Wasatch Commission's Environmental Dashboard has some great information about our canyon. Access the Beta Version of the Environmental Dashboard at this link: <https://cwcedb.utah.edu/>



